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For: **METHODS OF PREPARING AQUEOUS COLORED PIGMENT
DISPERSIONS, AND INKJET INK COMPOSITIONS**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Summary of the Invention and Pending Claims

The present invention relates to methods for preparing aqueous colored pigment dispersions comprising the step of combining, in any order, a) a colored pigment, b) an azo coupler, c) an aromatic amine, d) a diazotizing agent, and e) an aqueous medium. The aromatic amine comprises at least one ionic group, at least one ionizable group, or a mixture of at least one ionic group and at least one ionizable group. Also disclosed are inkjet ink